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726 MINNESOTA AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

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Ms. Nancy Luxton  
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Dear Ms. Luxton:

RE: Syntex Facility - Verona  
Closure of the Spill Area

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 7, can agree to the proposed closure of the Spill Area as outlined in your letter with the stipulation that Syntex Agribusiness, Inc. (Syntex) will maintain the asphalt or concrete cap in perpetuity. It is EPA's understanding that all equipment will need to be removed from the area prior to the placement of the cap. No excavation of dioxin-contaminated soil was required in the Spill Area because of the low levels of dioxin found in this area (2.0 parts per billion [ppb] average, 4.8 ppb maximum). The EPA believes that an asphalt or concrete cap will be more protective than the vegetative cover outlined in the ROD as long as the cap is installed and maintained properly.

If you have questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (913)551-7578.

Sincerely,

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